

Congratulations. Your improvements will help to make Rochester a better place to live, and the City's Permit Office is here to help ensure that your project goes smoothly. This brochure is intended to give you a general overview of what you need to obtain a permit. Some applications may require more in-depth analysis. You can come in and talk to our City Building and Zoning staff during business hours at **City Hall, 30 Church St., Room 121B,** or reach them at **585-428-6526.**



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1 Apply for a Permit:

- Provide the name, address and phone number of the property owner, the permit applicant and, if applicable, the contractor and/or plan preparer.
- Provide a project description including the size and location of the awning.
- If the contractor is a homeowner or individual contractor without Workers' Compensation Insurance, a Workers' Compensation waiver must be submitted.
- If the contractor has employees, a Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance, naming the City of Rochester as the certificate holder, is required.

You can obtain these forms at the Permit Office.

2 Follow Through with Application Requirements:

- Ensure that an inspection of the framing before it is enclosed and an inspection after final completion are performed.
- Ensure that all work is performed as per the plans submitted with the permit application; and that no damage or encroachment occurs to adjacent property during construction.

3 Supply Additional Submissions:

- Include two (2) copies each of:
 - An Instrument Survey Map of the property.

- Construction details, drawn to scale, including dimensions, graphics, methods of attachment, and footings/foundation, if applicable. Drawings may need to be signed and sealed by a design professional licensed in the State of New York.

4 Pay the Required Fees:

The fee for your permit is based on the written cost estimate of the project including labor and materials whether purchased, owned or donated.

| Cost Estimate | Permit Fee |
|-------------------|------------|
| \$0 – 2,000 | \$50.00 |
| \$2,001 – 4,000 | \$70.00 |
| \$4,001 – 6,000 | \$90.00 |
| \$6,001 – 8,000 | \$110.00 |
| \$8,001 – 10,000 | \$130.00 |
| \$10,001 – 12,000 | \$150.00 |
| \$12,001 – 14,000 | \$170.00 |
| \$14,001 – 16,000 | \$190.00 |
| \$16,001 – 18,000 | \$210.00 |
| \$18,001 – 20,000 | \$230.00 |

If cost estimate is greater than \$20,000, please call **428-6526**.

Helpful Information:

- If awning contains graphics, it is treated as a sign and will require a sign permit instead of an awning permit.
- A flame-spread certificate will be required for cloth or vinyl covered awnings.

- An encroachment permit from the Department of Environmental Services is required if the awning will be encroaching over the public right-of-way. Call **428-6848** for more information.
- Minimum height restrictions will apply if awning is located over pedestrian access way. Call **428-6848** for more information.
- If a property is located within a preservation district or is a landmark site, a Certificate of Appropriateness will be required from the Preservation Board. Call **428-7043** for more information.
- Call **428-6561** with any questions regarding construction details during the planning stages.
- The City's TTY number is **428-7600**.
- Metered parking is available on N. Fitzhugh St. adjacent to the building. Other parking is available in the Sister Cities Garage across the street from City Hall.

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9:00 am – 4:45 pm

Questions? Call 311

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